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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 499

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A RESOLUTION to designate a bridge in Wilson County as the
"Corporal Terry Lee Dillard Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Bosnia, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States armed forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Private Terry Lee Dillard, Company A, First Battalion, 20th Infantry of American Division 11th Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army, was killed in action on July 27, 1968, while courageously serving on perimeter defense near Duc Pho, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, this valiant soldier was posthumously promoted to the rank of Corporal in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice he so bravely made

WHEREAS, several local citizens have petitioned this body to name a certain bridge in Wilson County to honor the memory of Corporal Terry Lee Dillard; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning Spring Creek on State Route 141 approximately 3.7 miles north of the City of Lebanon in Wilson County is hereby designated as the "Corporal Terry Lee Dillard Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this exceptional young man and soldier who gave his life so that present and future generations might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Corporal Terry Lee Dillard Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the instance of a new bridge being erected to replace such bridge, the new bridge shall also be designated as the "Corporal Terry Lee Dillard Memorial Bridge" and the Department of Transportation shall erect or transfer suitable signs or markers to appropriately indicate such designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.